

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

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Term 1 Week 7

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,

I was at the rugby on Saturday night with my father and we were remembering, as we walked to the ground, how he taught me the times tables.

Dad was very old school, and he believed in learning the tables by rote. So for a couple of years many of my evenings were spent going two ones are two, six sevens are forty two, and so on.

The sticking point for me was the seven times but through perseverance I developed at least a mastery.

My sister who is younger never needed to learn by rote she was one of these people capable of picturing the groups in her mind and giving you the right answer.

My youngest sister drew the objects to be multiplied—coloured in circles or squares and this worked for her.

All of us mastered our tables but we got there in different ways. The key was perseverance—to achieve anything you have to persevere but also support at home is vital.

I probably never told Dad how much he had helped but I think that he knows deep inside, in fact I think I'll tell him this weekend.

**Have a great week,
Mike Brosnahan.**

Welcome to St Mary's School

Welcome to the following new entrants:

Regan Hayward, Millie MacKenzie and Lucas Wilson who all started recently in Room One.



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Dates for 2012

March

Thursday 22nd	Catholic Schools' Fun Sports
Friday 23rd	Assembly Room 6, 2.20pm
Monday 26th	Otago Anniversary Day—school closed
Tuesday 27th	Room 7 Rafting Trip
April 5th	Easter Assembly—End of Term 1
Monday 23rd	Beginning of Term 2
Wednesday 25th	ANZAC Day—school closed

A thought for the week...

"To praise is an investment in happiness".
-George M Adams

Altar Servers Sunday 18th March

Lewis Middleton & Thomas Kelly.

Prayer for Fourth Sunday of Lent

God our loving Father, sometimes we find it difficult to be hopeful. Sometimes life can be so discouraging. During Lent, remind us to turn to you and to one another to find a deeper hope and a deeper joy. Help us to see that no matter how hard life may seem, there are always people who want to help. Help us to see that, above all, you want to fill our hearts with a peace that no one else can give. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

ICAS Examinations 2012

If you are interested in your child/ren being involved in any of the ICAS examinations from the University of New South Wales please come and see Mrs Baines, in Room 7, by Thursday **22nd March** for details.

The subjects available are Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling & Writing. Children must be Year 4 or older and there is a cost of \$7.50 per child for each examination.

School Bank Account

If you wish to pay directly into the school's bank account please put the child's name that you are paying for in the reference box.

The account number is
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St Mary's School Mosgiel

PTA News

Friends of the School PTA—Helpers Wanted!

We are putting together a list of helpful parents who are unable to join the PTA but would like to help out at some of our fundraising events without having to come to the meetings!

If you would like to join this list please email or call Pauline at the school office, thank you.

Entertainment Books

It is Entertainment book time of year again!

This year the book is bigger and better with many more local attractions included.

The price of the book is \$55 and the school keeps \$11 per book. Please let your family and friends know we are selling these books as the more we sell the more money we raise for our school.

Entertainment books will be sent home in the last week of this term.

Please remember that last year's book is still valid!

If you wish to pre-order and pay I can give you a sweetener of a free page of vouchers!

Pre-order can be made at the school office.

Jacqui Dodson is organising the E books this year.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ushering – Forsyth Barr Stadium

There is an opportunity for St Marys to raise money by ushering at the Stadium.

We would be requested periodically to cover some events held at the Forsyth Barr Stadium.

Armourguard then makes a donation to the school PTA based on how many people have worked and the hours involved.

We would need to provide names of at least ten or more people to Armourguard who organise this on behalf of the Stadium. There is a short training session for those who have not done this before which is also arranged by Armourguard.

People who are interested to donate their time can leave their names with Pauline at the school office.

You will be contacted before the event to see if you are available that weekend.

Thanks, Alison O'Neill, PTA member.

Thank you

Thank you to the following people who kindly helped with the catering on Saturday: Jodine MacKenzie, Ann-Marie Warman, Jacque Dodson, Allison O'Neill, Christine Sutherland and Virginia O'Neill.

Enrolments

To enable us to plan for our rapidly growing roll, it would be helpful if you could please: If you have a child that you wish to enrol at our school, please be in contact with the office to complete the enrolment details, or if you know of someone who wishes to enrol a pupil at our school then ask them to be in contact with the office for further information.

While our open (non preference) roll is currently full, we do have a waiting list that ensures parents a place in our school if a vacancy occurs.

If someone asks you about enrolling please ask them to contact the school office to discuss their situation, thank you.

T Ball

The junior T Ball team is looking for a couple more players for the game on Saturday mornings.

There is only a few weeks left but if your child would like to have a go at this fun game please contact the coach Travis Wilson 489-5889

Catholic Schools Fun Sports

—Next Thursday 22nd March

Cancellation date is Friday 23rd March.

The Catholic School Sports Fun morning for Rooms 1—Room 6.

The children will need to come dressed for sport, in their school sports tops, blue shorts, running shoes and sun hat.

We will leave by bus for the Dunedin Rugby Club grounds at 9am and return to school at lunch time.



Please see your child's class teacher if you can help with supervision, thank you.



Winter Sports Information Due in next Thursday!



If you are interested in your child playing a winter sport for St Mary's School we offer the following sports over winter, the prices are an indication as these are to be confirmed by the organisations.

Miniball for Yr 3 to Yr 6, this is held on a Monday for the Yr3/4 grades and Tuesday for Yr5/6, after school at Memorial Park Stadium. Cost is about \$15.

Basketball for Year 7/8, this is held at the Edgar Centre on a Monday after school. Cost is about \$55, as this includes the Edgar Centre entry fee.

Hockey for Yr 1 to Yr 8, this is held at Brooklands Park (opposite St Mary's School on Church St), every Saturday morning. Cost is about \$25.

Netball For Year 3 to Yr8, this is held at the Taieri College courts off Green Street, every Saturday morning. Cost is about \$25.

More details about these sports will be available as it gets closer to the season starting.

Please indicate by next Thursday 22nd March if you wish your child to play any of these sports, and if you are interested in coaching your child's team.

Full in this form or reply by email with your child's details. This way we can get our teams sorted according to availability of coaches and players.

Child's Name _____

DOB _____

Sport(s) I wish to play _____

I am available to coach a sports team **Yes / No**

Sport Type: _____

Signed by Parent _____

Coaches' Evening

The Taieri College Sports Council would like to extend an open invitation to all coaches of school age children on the Taieri. We have a panel of guest speakers who are willing to share their experiences as coaches and coach educators.

Anyone who is currently coaching or thinking of coaching are encouraged to attend.

Guest Speakers are;

Raylene Bates (NZ Academy of Sport, Olympic Athletics Coach)

Dr Tania Cassidy (Senior Lecturer, University of Otago, School of Physical Education)

Dr Paul Hessian (NZ Universities Rugby Coach)

Mike Weddell (Sport Manager at Sport Otago)

Hyslop Hall

7:30pm

19 March